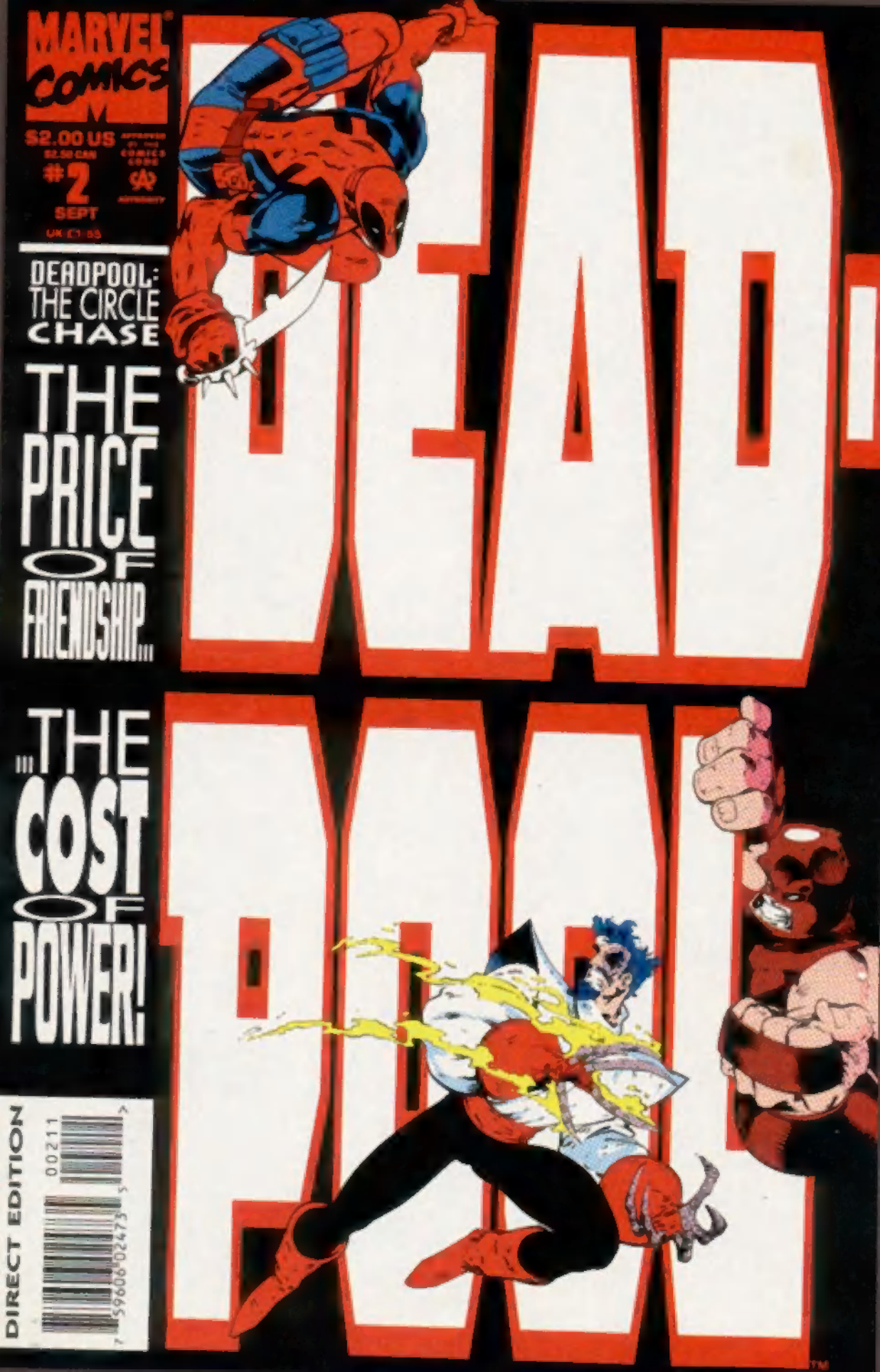
MARVEL COMICS
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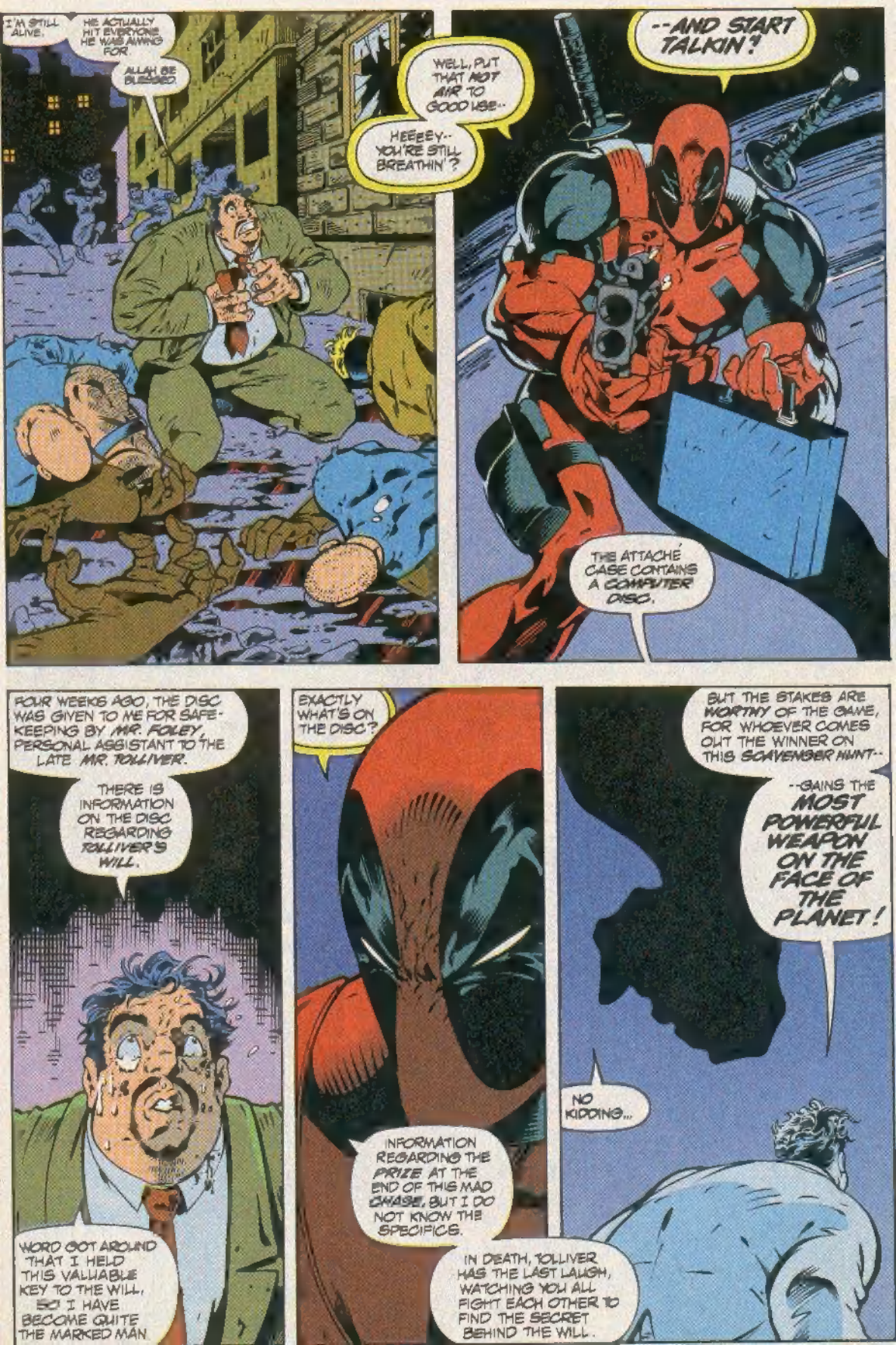
DEADPOOL: THE CIRCLE CHASE
THE PRICE OF FRIENDSHIP...
...THE COST OF POWER!
DEAD POOL
DIRECT EDITION

CAIRO, EGYPT.
OVER THE LAST YEAR, THIS CITY HAS SEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.
THE TENSIONS HAVE CAUSED TOURISM TO DECLINE AND PARANOIA TO INCREASE.
THE PERFECT PLACE THEN, FOR AN ART AS OLD AS THE CITY ITSELF TO BE PERFECTED--
-- THE ART OF MURDER!
HAFF
HUCK
HAFF
HUCK
PFFT
AAAH--!
THE BRIEFCASE, MR. GEZDBAQWH-- IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE.

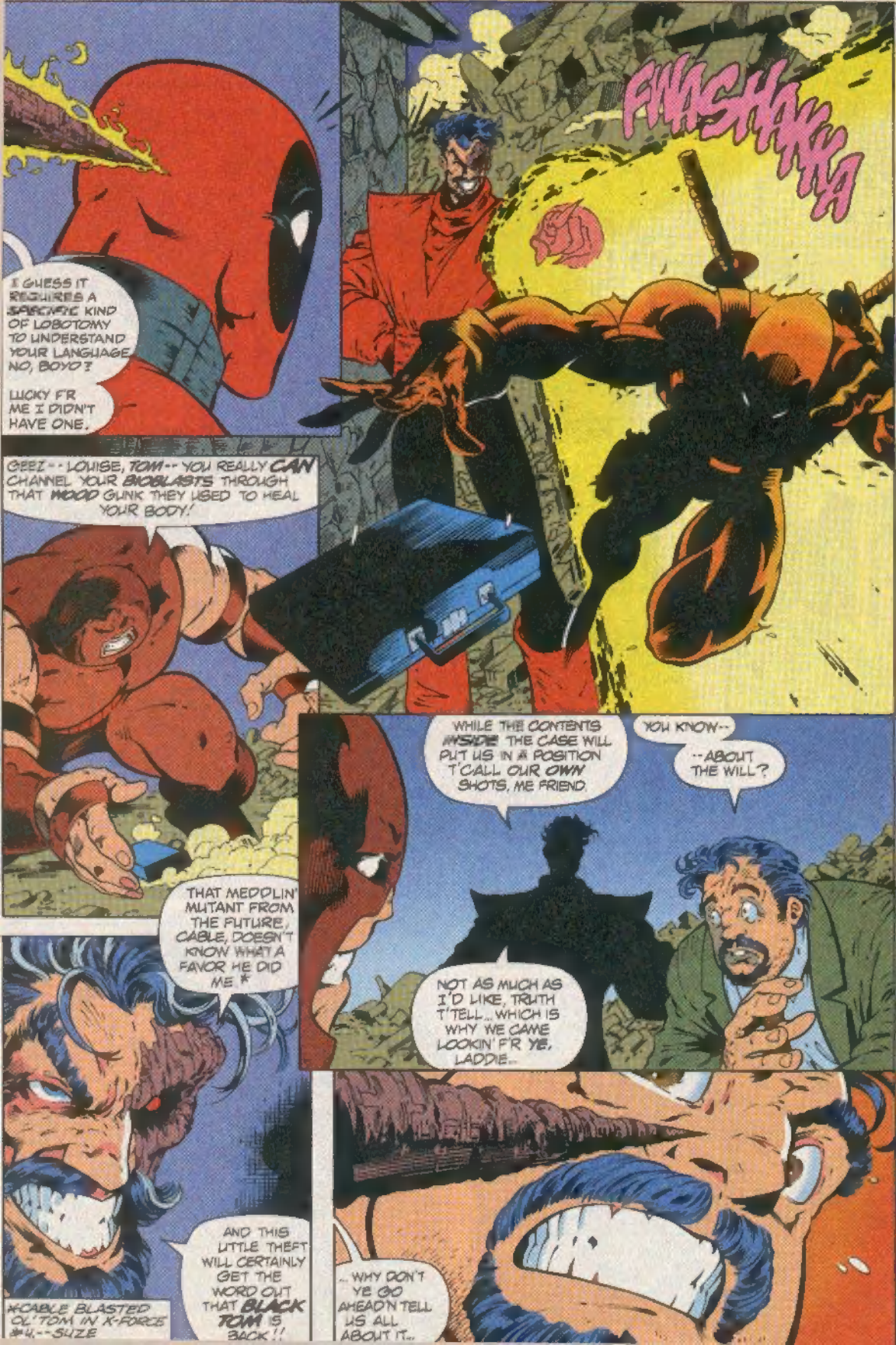
DEADPOOL-?!
HEY, I'LL TAKE THAT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
OF ALL THE PEOPLE TO REBOUND ME, WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE HIM?
MARVEL'S MERC WITH A MOUTH IN HIS FIRST SOLO ADVENTURE!
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THOSE TWO GUYS WITH THE KOOKY NAMES
FABIAN NICIEZA AND JOE MADUREIRA

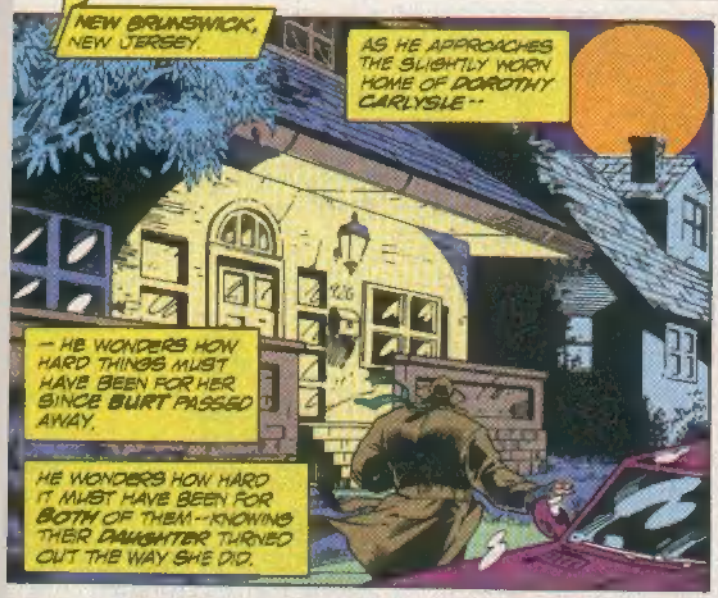
AND T'THINK I WAS EXPECTIN' YOU MERCENARY MEAT-PATTIES T'PUT UP A FIGHT.
BUT THEN I SAY TO MYSELF, WADE-- WOULD YOU BE STUPID ENOUGH TO FIGHT YOURSELF?
AND IF I WERE ON JEOPARDY, I GUESS MY ANSWER WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF A QUESTION--
--"WHAT IS SUICIDE, ALEX?"
RABBIT SEASON, DUCK SEASON
AIDED AND ABETTED BY
MARK FARMER-SLAPPIN' BLACKS
CHRIS ELIOPOULOS-THE USUAL
GLYNIS OLIVER-SPRAY PAINTING
SUZANNE GAFFNEY-EDITOR (THAT SAYS IT ALL)
BOB HARRAS-GROUP HORRY-WART
TOM DEFALCO-WOULD RATHER YOU BE READING THUNDERSTRIKE

FACHOW
FACHOW
OH, C'MOON -- YOU IDIOTS ARE ACTUALLY SHOOTING AT ME?
SPEAKENZIE ENGLISH?
YOU NEED A TRANSLATOR?
FOCHOOM
FOCHOOM
FOCHOOM
FOCHOOM
HERE, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY BUDDY HERE--MAYBE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT HE HAS TO SAY!!
AAAH, THE MELODIC SOUNDS OF GUNFIRE, THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OF UNDERSTANDING, SPOKEN WORLDWIDE.


I'M STILL ALIVE.
HE ACTUALLY HIT EVERYONE HE WAS AIMING FOR.
ALLAH BE BLESSED.
WELL, PUT THAT NOT AIR TO GOOD USE..
HEEEEY.. YOU'RE STILL BREATHIN'?
--AND START TALKIN'!
THE ATTACHÉ CASE CONTAINS A COMPUTER DISC.
FOUR WEEKS AGO, THE DISC WAS GIVEN TO ME FOR SAFE-KEEPING BY MR. FOLEY, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE LATE MR. TOLLIVER.
THERE IS INFORMATION ON THE DISC REGARDING TOLLIVER'S WILL.
WORD GOT AROUND THAT I HELD THIS VALUABLE KEY TO THE WILL, SO I HAVE BECOME QUITE THE MARKED MAN.
EXACTLY WHAT'S ON THE DISC?
INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRIZE AT THE END OF THIS MAD CHASE. BUT I DO NOT KNOW THE SPECIFICS.
IN DEATH, TOLLIVER HAS THE LAST LAUGH, WATCHING YOU ALL FIGHT EACH OTHER TO FIND THE SECRET BEHIND THE WILL.
BUT THE STAKES ARE WORTHY OF THE GAME, FOR WHOEVER COMES OUT THE WINNER ON THIS SCAVENGER HUNT--
--GAINS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON ON THE FACE OF THE PLANET!
NO KIDDING...

-- AND ALL ALONG, I THOUGHT THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE --
-- WENT BY THE NAME OF JUGGERNAUT!
WHOA MOMMA--!
CHAKA
KA ROOM
GRU M M
ALL I CAN SAY RIGHT NOW--
--IS THAT I SERIOUSLY HOPE--
BRE SHM
--THIS BRIEFCASE IS A SAMSONITE!!
HEY, SON OF A GUN-- I'M STILL ALIVE!
YOWZA!
NOW DID ANY-ONE GET THE NUMBER OF THAT WRECKING BALL?
DID HE SAY JUGHEAD-NAUT--?
IS THAT SOMEONE WHO SEARCHES FOR THE ARCHIES?
I MEAN, 'CAUSE IF IT'S WHO I THINK IT IS, I QUIT, GAME'S OVER, MOM'S CALLIN' ME, I'M LATE FOR DINNER.


I GUESS IT REQUIRES A SARCASTIC KIND OF LOBOTOMY TO UNDERSTAND YOUR LANGUAGE NO, BOYO?
LUCKY FR ME I DIDN'T HAVE ONE.
FWASHAKKA
GEEZ -- LOUISE, TOM -- YOU REALLY CAN CHANNEL YOUR BIOBLASTS THROUGH THAT MOOD GUNK THEY USED TO HEAL YOUR BODY!
WHILE THE CONTENTS INSIDE THE CASE WILL PUT US IN A POSITION T'CALL OUR OWN SHOTS, ME FRIEND.
YOU KNOW--
--ABOUT THE WILL?
NOT AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE, TRUTH T'TELL... WHICH IS WHY WE CAME LOOKIN' F'R YE, LADDIE.
THAT MEDDLIN' MUTANT FROM THE FUTURE, CABLE, DOESN'T KNOW WHAT A FAVOR HE DID ME *
AND THIS LITTLE THEFT WILL CERTAINLY GET THE WORD OUT THAT BLACK TOM IS BACK!!
* CABLE BLASTED OL' TOM IN X-FORCE #4.--SIZE
... WHY DON'T YE GO AHEAD'N TELL US ALL ABOUT IT...


NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY.
AS HE APPROACHES THE SLIGHTLY WORN HOME OF DOROTHY CARLYSLE--
-- HE WONDERS HOW HARD THINGS MUST HAVE BEEN FOR HER SINCE BURT PASSED AWAY.
HE WONDERS HOW HARD IT MUST HAVE BEEN FOR BOTH OF THEM--KNOWING THEIR DAUGHTER TURNED OUT THE WAY SHE DID.

AND HE KNOWS HE'LL NEVER HAVE CHILDREN TO CALL HIS OWN--
NOH NOH NOH
--FOR FEAR THEY WOULD TURN OUT LIKE HE HAS..

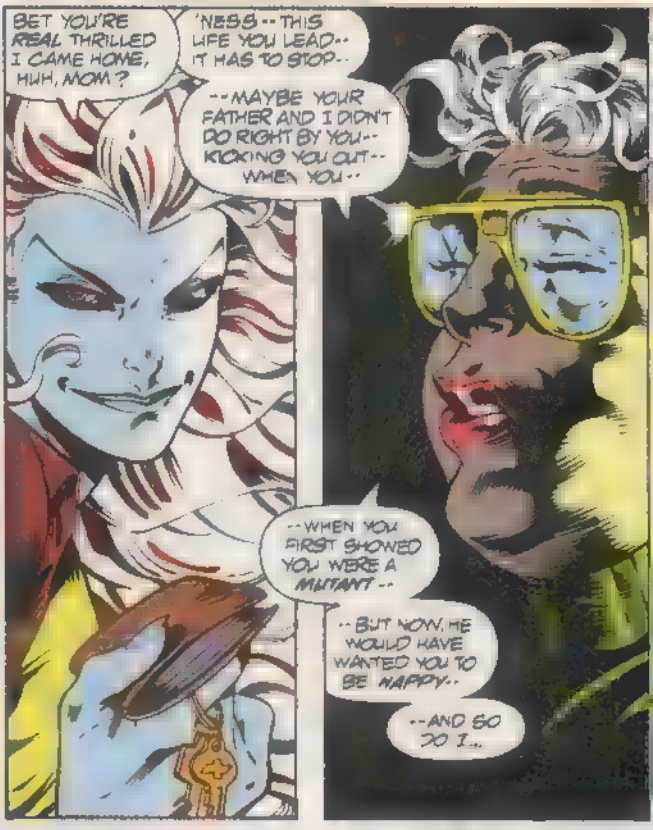
YES--?
MRS. CARLYSLE, MA'AM, I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU--
--MY NAME IS SUKO--UHM--BERNARD MOYSTER--
--AN' I WAS WONDERIN' IF BY ANY CHANCE, YOU'D HEARD FROM YOUR DAUGHTER, VANESSA, LATELY?
NO, MA'AM.
NO--NOT IN OVER THREE YEARS--SHE HASN'T LIVED HERE IN ALMOST NINE--
--IS SHE--IS SHE IN TROUBLE--?
NO TROUBLE AT ALL. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, MA'AM.

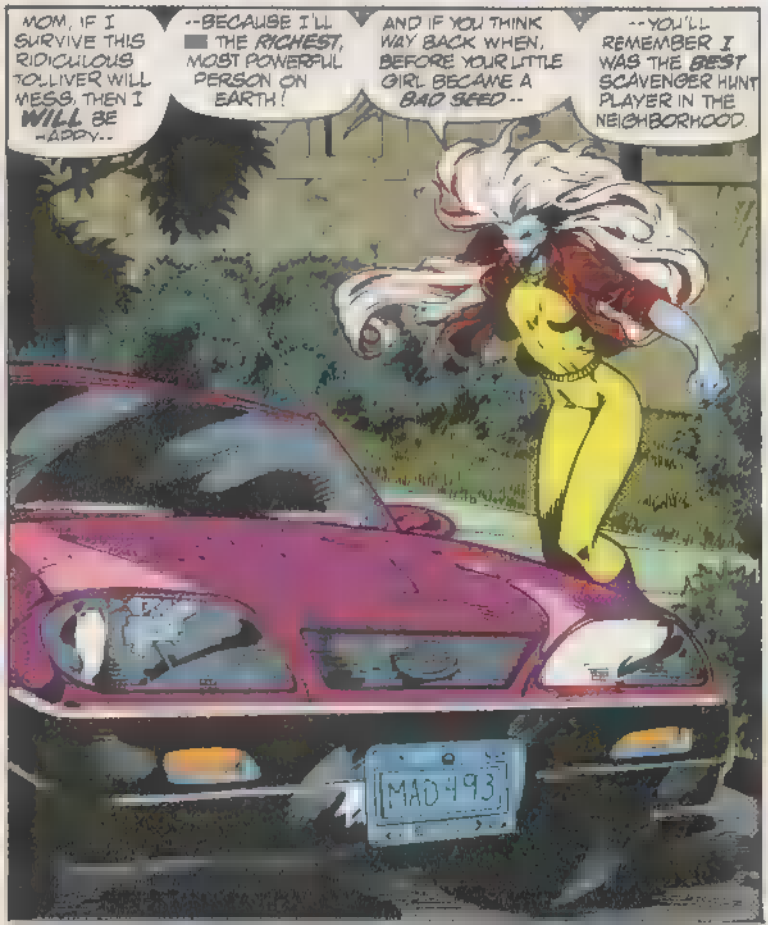
IDIOT! SCARIN' A NICE OL' LADY LIKE THAT..
FWIPPP!
UH--?

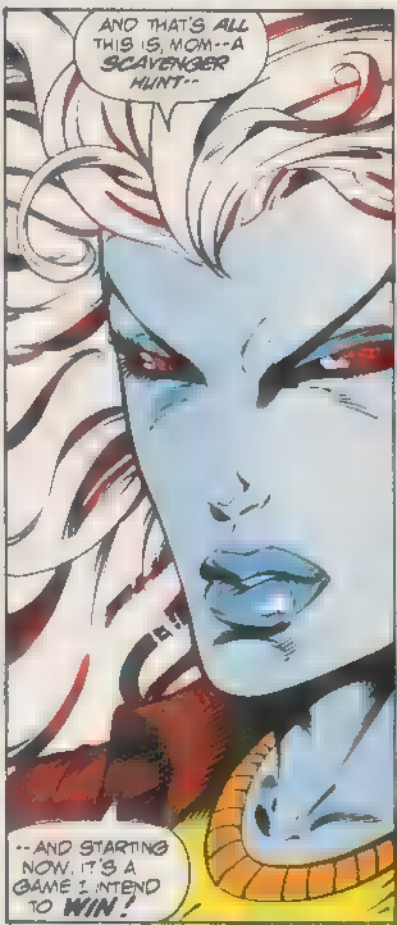
HWHRGHKK
HEY, SLUGGO--
-- I THOUGHT WE SETTLED THINGS ONCE AND FOR ALL UP IN BOSTON?
REMEMBER-- THE NIGHT YOU KILLED MY BEST FRIEND, TINA VALENTINO?!*
HURGO
VANESSA--?!
IN THE FLESH-- MY OWN FLESH, FOR A CHANGE.
* BACK IN X-FORCE #22.--SUZE
THAT'S RIGHT-- YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ME WHEN I WASN'T HORPHED INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S LOOK?
LISSEN'-- WE GOTTA TALK--
-- 'BOUT THE TOLLIVER WILL--
I TOLD YOU I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
TOLLIVER BLACKMAILED ME INTO POSING AS X-FORCE'S DOMINO FOR A YEAR--
-- BUT WHEN HE GOT ACED,* I WAS OFF THE HOOK!
* X-FORCE #15. --SUZE

'S' JUST EVERYONE AN' THEIR COUSIN THINKS YOU AN' DEAD-POOL'RE THE KEYS T'FIND-N' THE WILL.
AND YOU AND DEADPOOL WERE PRETTY TIGHT BACK IN THE OLD DAYS SO,,,
US ? WHAT DO ME KNOW ? WHY NOT CHECK OUT TOLLIVER'S ASSISTANT, FOLEY!
FOLEY GOT KILLED COUPLE WEEKS BACK-- BLADE GUTTED HIM-- WORD IS DEADPOOL DID IT--
BUT THAT'S WHEN WADE WAS IN BOSTON LOOKING FOR ME.
I KNOW THAT-- AN' SO DO YOU-- BUT NO ONE ELSE DOES--
-- SO PEOPLE'RE GONNA LOOK FOR YOU IN ORDER T'GET T'HIM--
YUH -- WADE'S BEEN LOOKIN' ALL OVER FOR YOU.
STUPID JERK.. WHERE IS HE NOW, SLUGGO?
WITH THE WEASEL-- IN SARAJEVO, I THINK.
BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE BESIDES TINA WHO KNEW THIS WAS MY PARENTS' HOUSE, RIGHT ?
HEY -- WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' WITH MY KEYS ?
I'M GOING TO NEED THEM TO DRIVE YOUR CAR, SLUGGO.
WHAT ABOUT ME ?
WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU WON'T NEED A CAR.
WHERE'M I GOIN', 'NESSIE ?
TO JAIL, FOR BREAKING AND ENTERING INTO MY MOM'S HOUSE.
WHEN DID I DO THAT ?
JUST NOW.
KCHASHSHK

CALL THE POLICE-- SWEAR OUT A COMPLAINT --
--HE'LL BE IN JAIL FOR A FEW WEEKS AT LEAST BEFORE HE REALIZES HE CAN JUST BREAK OUT


BET YOU'RE REAL THRILLED I CAME HOME, HUH, MOM?
'NESS -- THIS LIFE YOU LEAD-- IT HAS TO STOP--
--MAYBE YOUR FATHER AND I DIDN'T DO RIGHT BY YOU-- KICKING YOU OUT-- WHEN YOU--
--WHEN YOU FIRST SHOWED YOU WERE A MUTANT --
--BUT NOW, HE WOULD HAVE WANTED YOU TO BE HAPPY--
--AND SO DO I...


MOM, IF I SURVIVE THIS RIDICULOUS TOLLIVER WILL MESS, THEN I WILL BE --ADDY--
--BECAUSE I'LL BE THE RICHEST, MOST POWERFUL PERSON ON EARTH!
AND IF YOU THINK WAY BACK WHEN, BEFORE YOUR LITTLE GIRL BECAME A BAD SEED --
--YOU'LL REMEMBER I WAS THE BEST SCAVENGER HUNT PLAYER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
MAD 493


AND THAT'S ALL THIS IS, MOM--A SCAVENGER HUNT--
--AND STARTING NOW, IT'S A GAME I INTEND TO WIN!

MORNING IN BOMBAY, INDIA
A CITY, LIKE MOST IN THIS COUNTRY, WHICH FINDS FAR TOO MANY BARRIERS BE-
BETWEEN THE HAVES AND THE HAVE-NOTS
WHICH IS NO PROBLEM AT ALL, IF, LIKE THE COCKY YOUNG MAN NAMED JACOB GANN JR --
YOU'RE ONE OF THE HAVES.
MR BASHIR'S BREAKFAST MEETING HAS ARRIVED.
THIS WAY PLEASE
NICE PLACE YOU'VE GOT HERE. DATE ONE LETTE?
THANK YOU, SIR QUITE GOOD.
GOOD MORNING MR BASHIR
COURIER
WHAT'S THE ASSIGNMENT YOUNG MAN?
I'VE BEEN FINE THANKS HOW ABOUT YOU?

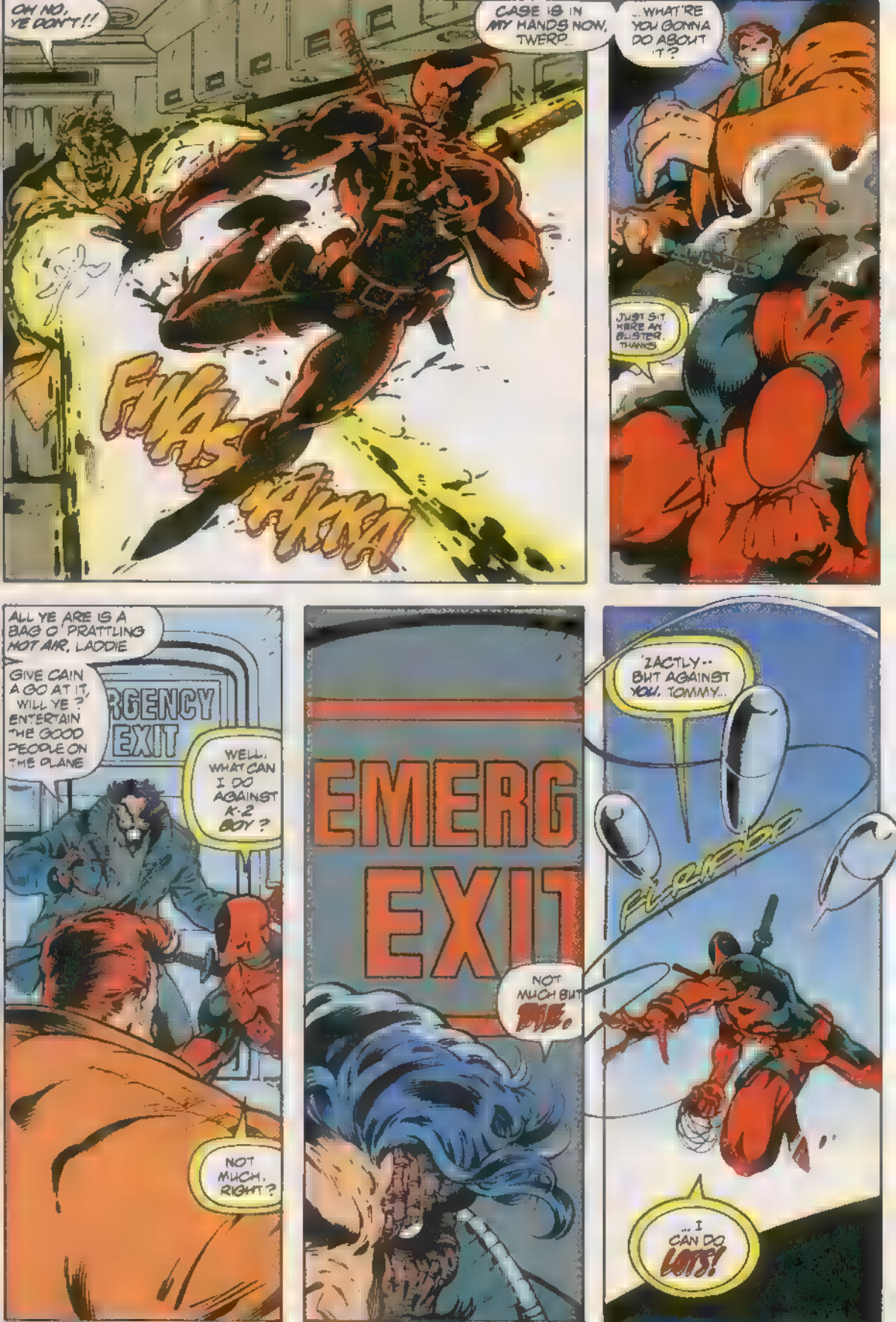
AH YES THE SOCIAL AMENITIES [redacted] PRO- [redacted] TALKER SUCH AS YOURSELF
YOU WILL NOT TAKE OFFENSE IF I ABSTAIN ?
NAH, NOT AT ALL. IRONIC, THOUGH COMING FROM YOU--
-- NOT WANTING TO COMMUNICATE, I MEAN
THE ASSIGNMENT ?
YES. TOLLIVER'S RIGHT-HAND MAN-- LESSEE HERE -- PACO MALPSHANA-GHAN-- WAS MURDERED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO*
APPARENTLY WE HAVE THREE SUSPECTS-- HERE WE GO-- NATHAN WINTERS, A K A CABLE--
--VANESSA CARLYSLE, A.K.A. COPYCAT --OR WADE WILSON, A K A DEAD-POOL.
* X-FORCE #14-- STUDIOUS SUZE
THE VICTIM'S BROTHER-- UHM-- NYKO-- WOULD LIKE [redacted] THE [redacted] ON ALL [redacted]
..STARTING WITH DEADPOOL, I BELIEVE...
AND THE FEE ?
BETTER THAN MONEY--
.. [redacted]
[redacted] CLIENT RECEIVED [redacted] HIS [redacted] HIS UN-TIMELY [redacted]
[redacted] THIS DISC IS INFOR-MATION PERTAINING TO ALL OF TOLLIVER'S INTERNATIONAL [redacted] -TIONS.
WHOEVER [redacted] THIS DISC POSITIONS THEM- [redacted] SEVERAL [redacted] [redacted] OF THE RACE FOR THE WILL [redacted]
I'LL CONTACT [redacted] EXECUTIVE ELITE IMMEDIATELY.
COURIER-- TELL YOUR CLIENT HE HAS A DEAL
MR DEADPOOL HAD BEST SAY HIS PRAYERS...

CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
I GOT A WEAZ.. I THINK I GOT A..
..VIRGINIA AIRLINES.. DC-10..?
I TOLD YOU I'M GOING ON A HUNCH HERE, WADE
I'M GONNA BURST MY SPLEEN RUNNIN' AFTER A PLANE ON A HUNCH?
HEY--YOU CALLED ME, REMEMBER?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LET BLACK TOM AND JUGGER NAUT BUST YOUR HUMP--
..AN' NAB CRIDSDALE'S ATTACHE CASE RIGHT OUTTA YOUR HANDS RIGHT?
SO YOU CALL AN' WHINE, "HEY, WEAZ--HOW'M I GONNA FIND 'EM?"
AND I TOLD YOU IF I WERE THEM I'D OPT FOR A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT
TOURISTS [redacted] LIKE A DUCK SHOOT FOR TERRORISTS IN CAIRO LATELY, SO THE OUTLYING ROADS ARE TROUBLE--
BUT THE AIRPORT'S STILL KOSHER
AND THE ONLY FLIGHT FROM CAIRO TO DUBLIN BY WAY OF FRANKFURT
..WITH TWO PASSENGERS NAMED MR CAIN [redacted] AND MR THOMAS SMALL ABOARD-- [redacted] VIRGINIA FLIGHT 275

SEATS 20B, 20C AND 20D. TICKETS BOUGHT TWO HOURS AGO.
COACH? BUNCHA CHEAPSKATES.
BETTER HURRY, WADE -- THEY SHOULD BE LEAVING, OH... RIGHT ABOUT NOW!
SKRAWCH
YOU RASSUMFRAGGIN HOOCHIECOOCHIE SCRAWNYWEASELANK!
GETTIN' A GOOD LAUGH ON OL' WADIE-BOY RIGHT NOW, HUH, WEAZ?
YOU [redacted] I WON'T KILL YOU, CUZ YOU'RE MY BUD--
-- AN' I [redacted] KILL MY BUDS WHO DO OKAY BY ME--
-- LESS I'M PAID TO, OF COURSE--
-- BUT THAT DON'T MEAN I CAN'T CRACK A BONE OR TWO ON YOUR SCRAWNY BOD!
FRIENDS I CAN KNEECAP-- THAT'S COOL
VHHRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
HOPE THE IN-FLIGHT MOVIE'S GOOD...

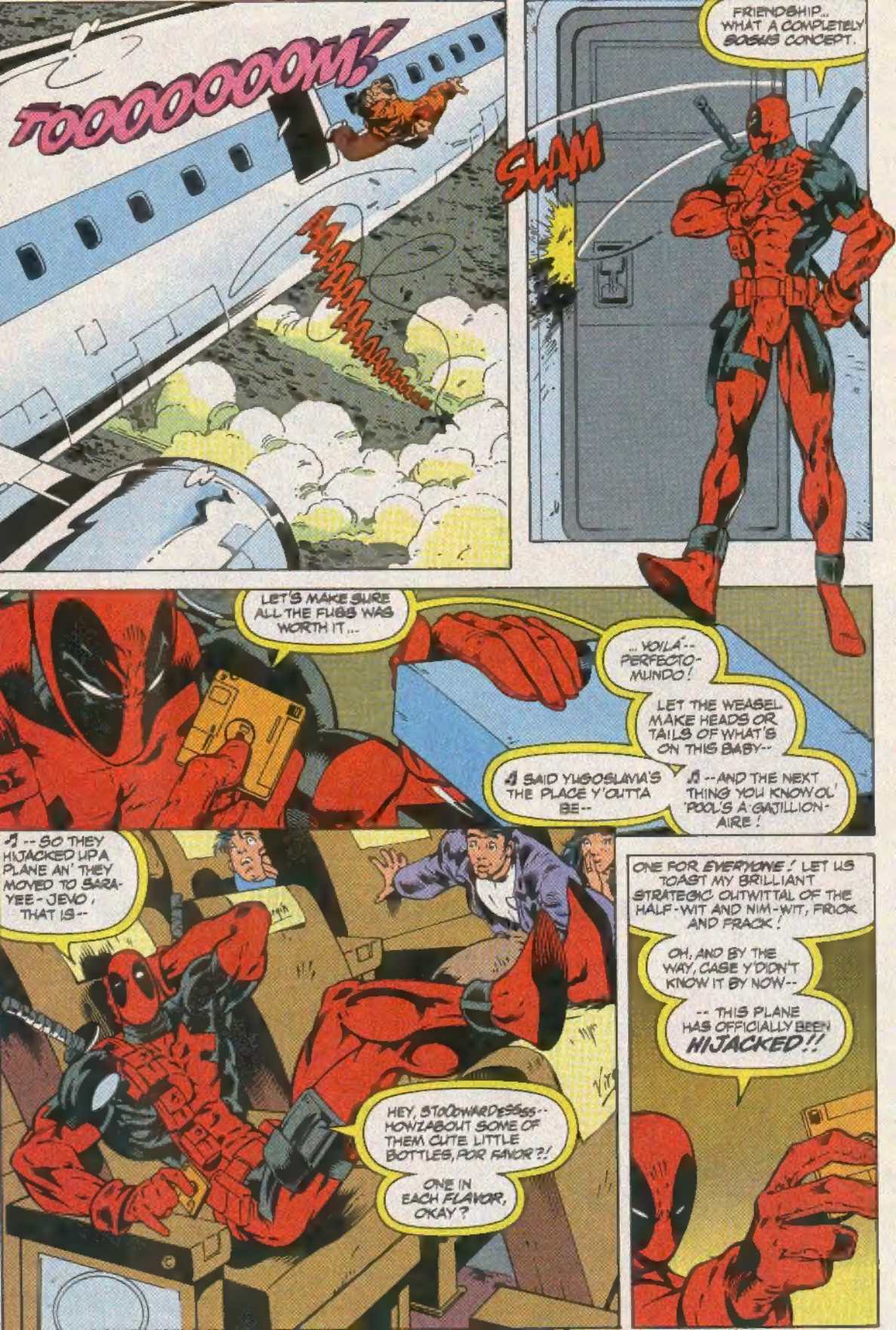
THEY'RE STARN DON'T THEY?
THEY'RE NOT STARNO CAN
DON'T LIE TO ME TOM- ARE THEY STARN?
SIGH
WE DO TEND T'STICK OUT A MITE, BOYD
AN' WHAT D'YE THINK'S IN A BLOODY MARY?
FWASHWHOOM
GOD DAMN IT!

BUT YOU BLASTED A HOLE CLEAR THROUGH YOU...
YEAH ! KNOW AND IT HURT FOR A WHILE TOO
WHERE'S THE BRIEFCASE ?
NOW DON'T YE KNOW THE LUCK ? WE MAILED IT BACK TO DUBLIN LAD
[redacted] EXPRESS, ACTUALLY. HEARD YE KNOW ABOUT THEIR SERVICES FIRST HAND
OH FUNNY - GET BEATEN ONCE IN MY LIFE AND MAILED BACK TO MY BOSS AN' I [redacted] HEAR THE END OF IT !
WAS I BORN YESTERDAY, R U ? I DON'T THINK SO
THWUMPH
DIBS ON THE MILLION-DOLLAR PRIZE !!


OH NO, YE DON'T!!
CASE IS IN MY HANDS NOW, TWERP...
..WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
JUST SIT HERE AN BLISTER, THANKS.
FWASH
HAKKA!
ALL YE ARE IS A BAG O' PRATTLING HOT AIR, LADDIE
GIVE CAIN A GO AT IT, WILL YE? ENTERTAIN THE GOOD PEOPLE ON THE PLANE
WELL, WHAT CAN I DO AGAINST K-2 BOY?
NOT MUCH, RIGHT?
EMERG
EXIT
NOT MUCH BUT DIE.
'ZACTLY.. BUT AGAINST YOU, TOMMY..
FLASH
..I CAN DO LOTS!

BWHAM!
FWOOOO
BLOODY MANIAC!
AAAH--!
THWIP
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR BOY, LUGNUT-- I GOT HIM, SNAGGED!
SHKUNK
AN' I GOT ME ANCHORED BUT GOOD!

FWOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
BUT IF YOU TAKE ONE !$#%&IN' STEP TOWARDS ME, JUGHEADNAUT -- YOU'RE LIL' BUDDY GOES SKY-DIVING.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THE BRIEFCASE. PUT IT IN ONE OF THE OVERHEAD COMPARTMENTS A FEW AISLES DOWN FROM YOU--
--AN' THEN I REEL TOMMY BACK IN.
DON'T DO IT, CAIN! WHAT'S INSIDE THAT CASE WILL MAKE US BILLIONAIRES!
MONEY DON'T MEAN NOTHIN' TO ME, IF WE CAN'T LIVE IT UP TOGETHER, TOM.
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I WAS COUNTIN' ON.
FRIENDS MAKE YOU DO THE DUMBEST THINGS, DON'T THEY?
EVEN IF HE GETS THE CASE NOW, THE PLANE STILL HAS TO LAND-- AND WE'RE ALL STILL ON IT, RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT'S THE PART OF MY PLAN I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T PICK UP ON...
... THE ME-LYING-AND-LETTING-GO-OF-THE-LIFELINE-PART, I MEAN...


TOOOOOOOM!
SLAM
FRIENDSHIP... WHAT A COMPLETELY BOGUS CONCEPT.
LET'S MAKE SURE ALL THE FUSS WAS WORTH IT...
...VOILÁ--PERFECTO-MUNDO!
LET THE WEASEL MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF WHAT'S ON THIS BABY--
♫ SAID YUGOSLAVIA'S THE PLACE Y'OUTTA BE--
♫ --AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW OL' 'POOL'S A-GAJILLIONAIRE!
♫ --SO THEY HIJACKED UP A PLANE AN' THEY MOVED TO SARAYEE-JEVO, THAT IS--
HEY, STOODWARDESSSS--HOWZABOUT SOME OF THEM CUTE LITTLE BOTTLES, POR FAVOR?!
ONE IN EACH FLAVOR, OKAY?
ONE FOR EVERYONE! LET US TOAST MY BRILLIANT STRATEGIC OUTWITTAL OF THE HALF-WIT AND NIM-WIT, FRICK AND FRACK!
OH, AND BY THE WAY, CASE Y'DIDN'T KNOW IT BY NOW--
-- THIS PLANE HAS OFFICIALLY BEEN HIJACKED!!

THE CAMARUS COVE ISLANDS SOUTH OF BOOTH-BAY HARBOR, MAINE.
A YOUNG MAN COMES HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY MONTHS.
LIKE ALL MERCENARIES, HE HAS CRAFTED ONE PLACE ON THE PLANET WHERE HE CAN ISOLATE HIMSELF FROM THE GAMES OF SOLDIERS AND MADMEN.
THE PRIVATE ISLAND IS HIS HAVEN, HIS REFUGE FROM THE INSANITY OF THE LIFE HE HAS CHOSEN FOR HIMSELF.
GARRISON KANE, FORMERLY WEAPON X, THE PRIME COVERT OPERATIVE FOR CANADA'S SECRET ESPIONAGE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT K, IS HOME.
BUT HE DIDN'T PLAN ON HAVING COMPANY...
GOOD EVENING, MATE...
... LONG TIME, NO SEE...

WHO THE--
KLIK
SHKRITCH
HAARRGH!
I'M LOOKING FOR WILSON.
IF YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOU TELLING ME.
IF YOU DO, I WILL, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, ALLOW YOU TO LIVE.
I NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH YOU, GARRISON. SO DON'T GIVE ME CAUSE TO HAVE ONE NOW.
IT HAS TAKEN ME ALMOST TEN YEARS TO RETURN FROM THE DEAD..
.. AND HAVING RETURNED, I FIND I ONLY WANT ONE THING OUT OF THIS NEW LIFE I HAVE BEEN GRANTED--
--I WANT TO SEE DEADPOOL DEAD!!
AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT IS SLAYBACK WHO KILLS HIM!
neXT
EVERYONE WANTS THE MERC WITH A MOUTH SILENCED! THE EXECUTIVE ELITE MAKE THEIR MOVE! VANESSA FINDS THE TOLLIVER WILL REWARD-- BUT SOMEONE GETS THERE BEFORE SHE DOES!! SEE YA IN THIRTY!